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METHOD THEREOF

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2006, in the above-styled patent application, please note election as indicated with traverse, amend the application as indicated and consider the appended remarks. Please find enclosed Amendments to the Claims, including a Status of All Claims, a petition for three-month extension of time, and a check for all fees.

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RESTRICTION ELECTION

Pursuant to Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant elects Species I: "drawn to an image-processing device, classified in class 700, subclass 197."

Applicant respectfully notes that Examiner referenced Species I as encompassing Claims 1-8, 23-28, Species II as encompassing Claims 9-19, and Species III as encompassing Claims 20-22, but Examiner did not reference Claims 29 and 30.

However, Applicant further notes that Species II is described as "drawn to a molding machine," but Claims 9 and 10, referenced by Examiner within Species II, claim "an image-processing device," as specified for Species I.

Additionally, Species III is described as "drawn to a method for inspecting the presence of a forming part during the forming process," but Claims 20-22, referenced by Examiner within Species III, claim "a part-forming machine," as specified for Species II.

Therefore, Applicant believes a Claim numbering error exists in the restriction requirement Action, and respectfully submits Applicant's response with the understanding that Examiner intended, based upon Examiner's description of the content of each class, that

Species I include Claims 1-10, 27-30, that Species II include Claims 11-23, and that Species III include Claims 24-26.

Thus, Applicant elects Species I, with the understanding that Species I includes Claims 1-10, 27-30.